

SPAIN'S POLICY IN CUBA.

THE MINISTER FOR THE COLONIES TO CARRY OUT THE LIBERAL PROGRAMME.

A MEASURE OF AUTONOMY ASSURED—CAPTAIN-GENERAL WEYLER'S FUTURE—REPORTS OF HIS FRIENDS TO PREVENT HIS RESIGNATION.

Madrid, Oct. 5.—Señor Moret, the Minister for the Colonies, it is semi-officially announced, has decided to apply as soon as possible all the measures which are comprised in the programme of the Liberals regarding the Antilles, including all that is necessary for the application of autonomy for Cuba, in the form permitted by the circumstances.

Señor Sagasta, the Premier, was the first visitor at the United States Legation this morning. His interview with General Woodford was cordial, but absolute reserve was maintained as to what passed in the conversation.

It is reported here to-day that Minister Woodford left at the Foreign Office yesterday an official note from Secretary Sherman, in which the latter referred to the Duke of Tetuan, the retiring Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Premier Sagasta in an interview is quoted as saying that most important questions are before the Cabinet Ministers. The latter have a thorough knowledge of the financial position of Spain and possess accurate details of the war situation in Cuba and in the Philippine Islands. The Government, Señor Sagasta is said to have added, will carry out its political and military programme with firmness and sagacity.

When the Premier was asked regarding the future of Captain-General Weyler he said he supposed Weyler would resign, adding that if he did not do so he would be recalled. In conclusion, Señor Sagasta remarked that the most prompt action would be taken in the Philippine Islands, where the situation, he explained, admitted of no delay.

Captain-General Weyler has written an official letter to General Aznaraga, forwarded before the resignation of the Aznaraga Cabinet, in which he declares that the condition of Cuba has "improved to a remarkable degree" since the date when he assumed control in the island. The Captain-General says that "the country has received a fresh lease of life." He asserts that the Spanish General commanding in the eastern provinces reports an uninterrupted service of trains on all the railroads. The telegraph is operating from Ciego de Avila to the city of Pinar del Rio.

The letter, which is much commented on, alleges that the Spanish Army in Cuba is "being maintained in an excellent state, despite the fact that the pay is six months in arrears."

Havana, Oct. 5.—The friends of Captain-General Weyler made a grand rally in his behalf to-day and all they could possibly do to prevent his recall to Spain. They held a meeting at the Spanish Casino, many of the wealthier class of Spaniards being present. Resolutions endorsing General Weyler were adopted with considerable enthusiasm.

To-day 110 of the most prominent wealthy merchants and importers joined in a cable message to the new Premier, congratulating him upon his accession to power, recognizing his high patriotism, and requesting him to maintain Captain-General Weyler in the head of affairs in Cuba. The dispatch said: "The Government has the confidence of all the Spaniards in the island, who firmly believe that the plans of Captain-General Weyler, in the event of his resignation, will soon terminate the war and effect pacification."

The retiring Minister for the Colonies, Señor Castellanos, sent an official cable message yesterday to the new Premier, congratulating him upon the formation of a new Spanish Cabinet under the presidency of Señor Sagasta, the Liberal leader, and bidding farewell to the Spanish authorities and army volunteers and loyal inhabitants of Cuba. Señor Castellanos also requested the authorities and all others depending on the new Ministry to continue at their posts and to do everything in their power to be of service to the new Government of Spain.

London, Oct. 5.—According to a dispatch from Madrid, Señor Castellanos, the retiring Minister for the Colonies, has called on the Bank of Spain to furnish 50,000,000 pesetas for the Cuban campaign. The committee of the bank declined to make the advance, whereupon the governor of the bank invited the committee to resign.

NOT TO PRESS THE SAGASTA MINISTRY.

THE ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION UNTIL AFFAIRS BECOME MORE SETTLED IN MADRID.

Washington, Oct. 5.—The Cabinet at its meeting to-day took no action of importance. The Spanish-Cuban situation was considered in connection with a cable dispatch received from Minister Woodford announcing the formation of the Sagasta Cabinet. The dispatch, however, contained no new information, and the discussion was largely in the nature of comment and an exchange of views as to the effect of the change of government in Spain on the Cuban situation.

It can be said positively that Minister Woodford has received no additional instructions from Secretary Sherman or any other Government official since he sailed for Europe. His call was either one of courtesy to introduce himself formally to the new Spanish Administration or to lay before it some matter not fully settled by him before the departure of the Duke of Tetuan. He has no letter from Secretary Sherman, and it can be said authoritatively that it is the policy of the Administration to let the new Spanish Cabinet become settled in office and not press it to act hastily.

The composition of the new Spanish Cabinet is the subject of considerable gossip in Administration and diplomatic circles. It is felt that the three powers of the new régime, so far as Cuban affairs are concerned, are Sagasta, Gullon and Moret. Three names often noted in State Department records in connection with previous negotiations concerning independence, autonomy and other movements at the time of the last Cuban war, Sagasta was Minister of State when Secretary Fish signed the change of government in Spain on the Cuban situation.

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A CANADIAN VILLAGE BURNING.

Ottawa, Oct. 5.—The village of Casselman, thirty miles southeast of here on the Canadian Atlantic Railway, is reported to be in flames. The fire caught in the brush surrounding the village, and no trains can pass either way. Telegraph and telephone communication with the village has been cut off since early in the afternoon. At least 100 houses on the Canadian Atlantic Railway are said to have been burned down.

BALLINGTON BOOTH'S DENIAL.

San Francisco, Oct. 5.—Commander Ballington Booth absolutely denies the report that any negotiations are in progress looking toward a union of the Salvation Army and the American Volunteers. At San Francisco Army headquarters the rumor is violently denied. Brigadier Keppel says that nothing of the sort was even hinted at by Mr. Booth-Tucker during his recent visit here.

FOUR MILLIONS FROM SALOONS.

THE STATE'S SHARE OF THE LIQUOR TAX LAST YEAR.

Albany, Oct. 5.—The accounts kept by the State Controller and the State Commissioner of Excise in relation to the money that has been paid to the State Treasurer as the State's share of the liquor tax collected for the last fiscal year, ended on October 1, were compared to-day, and were found to agree exactly. The amount paid to the State Treasurer, which is one-third of the total amount collected, was \$4,925,935.21.

SIR WM. LOCKHART TO ADVANCE.

THREE COLUMNS TO MOVE ON TIRAH—A PROCLAMATION BY THE AMER.

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COMMISSIONER STILES DEAD.

HE SUCCEUMS TO ABDOMINAL CANCER.

William Augustus Stiles, Park Commissioner, died at No. 241 Tenth-ave., Jersey City, N. J., at 1:15 o'clock this morning. The cause of his death was abdominal cancer. He had been confined to his bed for several weeks.

Mr. Stiles was born on March 9, 1837, in Wantage, Sussex County, N. J. He was graduated from Yale College in 1859, and later became a teacher in his father's school, Mount Retirement Seminary. He spent several years in California as a young man, and was for a time a member of the engineering corps of the Union Pacific Railroad. Later on he was a United States Gauger in this city. In 1888 he became Editor of "Garden and Forest." He was an authority on plant life and a brilliant writer and speaker.

In 1895, Mayor Strong, at the earnest solicitation of leading citizens, appointed Mr. Stiles Park Commissioner, a place which he filled honorably and faithfully. He was unmarried.

More Forest Land Bought.

Two-thirds of the one million dollar appropriation already spent.

Albany, Oct. 5.—The State Forest Preserve Board has bought from W. W. Durant, of New York City, 2,842 acres of Adirondack land in Townships 6, Hamilton County, which embraces a part of Lacquette Lake, at \$7 an acre. This land is said to be the best timber in the woods, and it would be a valuable addition to the Adirondack Park.

The Board has contracted for land which will involve the expenditure of about \$20,000. The expenditure for the purpose by the Legislature, and expects to exhaust the entire appropriation in the next two months. Another appropriation will be asked for from the next Legislature to carry on the work of enlarging the Adirondack Park.

Heat and Prairie Fires.

Unprecedentedly high temperature for October in Chicago—much property destroyed by flames.

Chicago, Oct. 5.—Extremely hot weather for October is now prevailing in this region. During the last twenty-four hours the thermometer here went up to 85 degrees. According to the official records this is the highest point that has been registered in October in twenty-seven years.

On account of drought during the last two months forest and prairie fires are numerous, and Lake Michigan has been made almost un navigable on account of the smoke and fog. Captains on incoming vessels have reported in most cases that the smoke is so thick that they are unable to see the shore.

On the southern wards and suburbs are surrounded by prairie fires, and dense smoke overhangs a large part of the city. Hundreds of acres of prairie have been burned over and thousands of feet of timber have been destroyed. The drought for the last sixty days has made the prairie brown, compelling herds to seek the lowlands for grazing, where the fire is smoldering underneath. Many instances are reported where cattle, in passing over the parched ground, have broken through the burning prairie and perished.

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CROKER THE ABSOLUTE.

OUT IN THE OPEN AS DIRECTOR OF TAMMANY HALL.

APPEARS AT A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND GIVES HIS ORDERS—SHEEHAN SHIFTS THE RESPONSIBILITY.

FOR PUTTING UP WEAK CANDIDATES.

Richard Croker, absolute master of Tammany Hall, whether in or out of politics, yesterday removed the disguise he has been wearing of a retired statesman simply on a visit to former friends in New-York after his customary annual stay on his English estate. Mr. Croker is no longer "out of politics." Some of the Wigwag minions became restive over his interference with the conduct of their affairs and found fault with the state as was preparing for to-morrow's County Convention. There was such a hubbub raised over Croker's selection of Thomas F. Grady for District-Atorney, Patrick Keenan for Sheriff, James P. Keating for County Clerk, and others, that John G. Sheehan, who was not in charge of the Tammany machine by Croker himself, after his Waterloo of 1894, became alarmed.

"You are the leader, ostensibly at least," the irate Wigwagites said to Sheehan, "yet we are told that Croker, who says that he is only an outsider—and a rank one at that—is making a list of people he is getting ready to jam down our throats."

"You know as well as I do," Mr. Sheehan replied, "that Croker is the real leader, and that he put me here to act in his place while he was away. He is here now, isn't he?"

So the plan to make Croker come out and declare himself and take command again was started. Croker preferred to remain as he pretended to be, pulling the strings from behind the scenes. But he saw that the game was up. His role of visiting statesman, with no special interest in politics, was played out. He accepted the situation and will resume his old place again at Tammany Hall.

"I will be with you now," he said to old-time warriors who used to delight in taking his orders, "at least, I will drop in every day or so to see how the things are going."

So Mr. Croker appeared at the meeting of the Tammany Hall Executive Committee yesterday afternoon.

A BIG CROWD ON DEK.

Long before the hour for the specially called meeting of the Executive Committee the ground floor of the Wigwag was crowded with district leaders and their underworkers, all of them in a state of suppressed excitement and anxiety over the troubles between Croker and Sheehan, of which the air had been full for several previous days. More than half the men who huddled in groups in the big rooms and the corridors or who met and gesticulated on the sidewalk in East Fourteenth-st., expected that a fight of large proportions and far-reaching consequences was impending. Those who desired to witness a scrimmage—and they were largely in the majority—were grievously disappointed. In place of a battle of political giants, they were compelled to witness what was called, for want of a better name, a love feast.

If anybody went to the Wigwag yesterday to fight Croker, his courage forsook him before the door of the meeting-room closed behind him. Not one of the bold, brave men who have been furnishing the newspapers for a week past with reports of the disagreements and dissensions of Croker and Sheehan and their respective squads of followers, and with prophecies of a bloodcurdling scuffling match, showed fight. They lay down as one whipped cur at Croker's feet and licked the dust from his boots.

NONE DARED TO "TIEP."

A Tammany man who is not a member of the committee, but who went to the Wigwag yesterday hoping to see the supposed leaders who have spent so many days in shouting their denunciations of Croker's state stand up to the rack, said:

"It was the most humiliating sight I ever witnessed. Not a tier of them dared to raise a protest. If there was a man with nerve enough to speak his mind, Croker could be downed. But he knows how to treat them. He lords it over them just as the dukes and earls of the country he lives in now used to lord it over their vassals."

WHAT SHEEHAN WANTED.

Mr. Sheehan's friends explained yesterday that he had accomplished his object when he succeeded in bringing Mr. Croker to Tammany Hall and forcing him to assume all responsibility for the campaign. They said that the notes which passed between the two men on Monday made this plain. Mr. Sheehan, finding his objections to the proposed county ticket unheeded, sent a letter to Mr. Croker insisting that the latter should shoulder the odium of the turning down of such men as Schaner and Dunn and the nomination of characters like Grady and Keating. Croker agreed, and the meeting was called. Croker appeared, dropped his "out-of-politics" mask and resumed the Tammany leadership with all that implies.

Five minutes before 4 p. m. the hour set for yesterday's meeting, Mr. Croker walked jauntily up the Wigwag steps accompanied by Police Commissioner James J. Martin, chairman of the Executive Committee. Croker was dressed in a black frock suit and wore a high silk hat with a broad band, of the English type. He and Mr. Martin entered the spacious committee-room to find it filled with members of the Executive Committee—mostly ex-officials of departed Tammany administrations. They looked on in awe-stricken wonder as the great boss slowly took a seat beside Mr. Sheehan, while Chairman Martin, picking up his gavel, rapped for order.

SOMETHING OF A JOKE.

Mr. Martin said, after the preliminary roll-call, that they had met for the purpose of recalling the names of speakers who would go on to-day at the County Convention. He then proposed that the names of the speakers be called out in alphabetical order. This suggestion was met with a laugh and a look of incredulity from the members of the committee. It was evident that the suggestion was a joke.

THE NEWPORT IN COMMISSION.

Boston, Oct. 5.—The new composite gunboat Newport, which is being fitted up at the Charlestown Navy Yard, went into commission this afternoon. The Stars and Stripes were hoisted on the new ship by Captain J. W. Phillips at 2 o'clock, and the crew assembled on the gun deck to hear the firing of the guns in commission read by Commander Benjamin F. Tilly, who has been ordered to command her.

TIME KNOCKS.

out a great many business enterprises. We have been manufacturing heating and cooling apparatus for 25 years, and expect to continue. The Boynton Furnace Co., 207 and 209 Water st., N. Y.—Adv.

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RUNAWAY HORSE CAUSES A PANIC.

A MAN KILLED AND A MAN AND WOMAN INJURED IN MADISON SQUARE.

Madison Square at the intersection of Broadway and Fifth-ave. was the scene of a series of accidents ending in a panic among pedestrians yesterday afternoon at the intersection of the streets in that neighborhood are most densely crowded with people. The accidents, one of which resulted in the death of a man, were caused by a runaway cabhorse, which dashed through the throngs of men and women at Fifth-ave. and Twenty-third-st. Two persons were knocked down before the frantic animal was finally brought to a standstill by Policemen Hastings. Meanwhile his driver, John Kenney, had been thrown from his seat to the gutter and badly bruised.

The runaway was caused indirectly by an earlier accident, in which John Cahill and Reinhardt Cron, two laborers working in the Fifth-ave. trench at Madison Square, had been overcome by gas called for an ambulance at the intersection of the streets. When the ambulance came tearing across Twenty-third-st. with a great clanging of the gong to secure a clear passage Kenney's cabhorse, which was standing by the curb in Madison Square, took fright and bolted for the Twenty-third-st. and Fifth-ave. crossing. Kenney was thrown from his seat, but he was not hurt. The horse kept on a short distance further down the avenue, and the driver was sent flying from his seat to the curbstone. Then the horse was stopped by the policeman.

When the ambulance surgeon had attended to the laborers in the trench, who were easily revived, and started back after the runaway horse, which was running at a gallop, Miss Gordon was found to be in a fainting fit, and as she was only slightly bruised was taken to her home. Kenney was taken to the New York Hospital. Later Kenney was able to go to his home, Jackson, however, lingered along one of the streets, and it was not until late last night when he died.

TRAMPLED TO DEATH BY CAR HORSES.

A PRETTY EIGHT-YEAR-OLD GIRL RUN DOWN AND KILLED IN SECOND-AVE.

Cries of alarm were heard from a large number of people in Second-ave. when about twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh-sts. last night as they beheld a little black-haired girl trampled down by a pair of Second-ave. car horses and her fall under the wheels of the car. They were the first intimation the driver had of the danger, and he immediately applied the brakes, but he was too slow, and the child, who she was taken from under the car, was beyond all aid.

The little girl was Annie Duffy, eight years old, of No. 39 East Twenty-sixth-st. She was going to visit a playmate named Agnes Kerrigan, in Second-ave. near Twenty-seventh-st. She remained at her playmate's home until 5 o'clock, and then started home. Between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh-sts. she started to cross Second-ave. as the car driven by Daniel Saunders came up the avenue at a good road speed. Whether the driver saw the child or not, whether she was knocked down by the horses will never be known. The first sign of her was her form under the wheel of